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The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to the latter's note of 22 September 1993 in which the Secretary-General drew attention to paragraphs 17 to 24 of Security Council resolution 864 (1993) and the request contained in paragraph 24 of that resolution for all States to report on the measures they have adopted in order to meet the obligations set out in paragraph 19.

The Permanent Mission of Australia has the honour to provide the Secretary-General with the following report from the Australian Government in response to the request contained in paragraph 24 of Security Council resolution 864 (1993).

Regulations made under Australian Customs Legislation already place a blanket prohibition on the export from Australia of many types of arms and related materials unless permission or a licence is granted by the Minister of Defence. In the light of the obligations set out in paragraph 19 of the resolution, such permission or licence would not be granted in cases of requests to export such material to Angola other than through the points of entry designated by the Government of Angola to the Secretary-General. Additional regulations are currently being drafted to prohibit the sale or supply of these materials by Australian nationals operating outside Australian territory or from Australian flag vessels or aircraft.

Regulations are also being drafted that will prohibit the sale or supply to Angola (other than through the designated entry points) of the remaining items listed in paragraph 19 by Australian nationals or from Australian territory or using Australian flag vessels or aircraft.

These regulations, which will ensure full compliance with paragraph 19 of resolution 864 (1993), are expected to be promulgated shortly, whereupon a further report will be provided by Australia to the Secretary-General.